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Applicant: William H. Starnes et al. Examiner: P. A. Szekely  
Serial No.: 10/848,802 Group Art Unit: 1714  
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For: **ORGANIC THIOL METAL-FREE STABILIZERS AND PLASTICIZERS  
FOR HALOGEN-CONTAINING POLYMERS**

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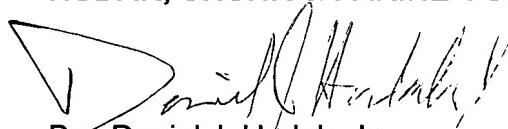
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Sir,

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In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed March 20, 2007, Applicants respond as follows.